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## BY TELEGRAPH.

### THE COLLAPSE OF A HOTEL.

### A Terrible Explosion.

### A BIG BRITISH LOAN.

### Meline's Failure to Form a Ministry.

HALIFAX, Feb. 19.

The "Central" Hotel, at Hartford, Conn., fell in at 5 a.m. on Monday. The collapse was caused by an explosion of the boiler. Fifty persons were killed. The building was five storey high, with three hundred feet frontage, and one hundred feet deep. Fearful scenes took place. Fire immediately followed, and no rescue was possible.

Brylles, a prominent railway man and Hudson Bay commissioner, dropped dead in a Montreal street yesterday.

John Bright has relapsed.

The British Government propose a defence loan of a hundred million pounds. The proceeds to be devoted to the construction of twenty war ships, fifty cruisers and nineteen torpedo boats.

Meline has failed to form a ministry, and De Freycinet declines to do so.

At Ottawa, Cartwright's resolution asking for Canada power to negotiate treaties was defeated by a vote of ninety-four to sixty-six.

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Lecture notice.....J B Solater  
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MONDAY, March 11—Rev. M. Ryan, D.Ph. Subject: —

MONDAY, March 18—Readings and Music.  
MONDAY, March 25—Rev. J. Rouse. Subject: —

MONDAY, April 1—Readings and Music.  
MONDAY, April 8—Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinsent, D.C.L., subject: "Saint John's as it was, as it is, and as it will be."

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# Her Love Was Her Life.

BY AUTHOR OF "SET IN DIAMONDS."

CHAPTER XXIV.—(continued.)

MAN'S FICKLENESS.

THEY did meet again and again, always with pleasure on his part, and very soon with something else on hers. Wherever she was she looked out above the dark Italian heads for the tall, erect figure and brave English face of Lord Chandos. She did not talk much to him, but there was a light in her eyes and a smile on her face most pleasant to see when he was near. She never sought him, she never either directly or indirectly gave him any idea of where she was going. She never contrived to meet him, but there were very few days during which they did not spend some hours together.

Lady Lanswell paid not the least attention when Lady Erskine joined the party. She was kind and cordial, but she never made the least effort either to entertain her or to induce her to stay. If ever by chance Lord Chandos named her, his mother received the remark in total silence—in fact, she completely ignored her, in which she showed her tact. Had she ever made the least attempt to bring them together, he would have seen through the little plot, and would have taken fright; as it was, the net was so skillfully woven that he was caught in it before he knew there was a net in it at all. If the countess arranged a party for any place, she never included the young heiress among her guests.

So that their frequent interviews were completely accidental neither of them thought anything of it; they drifted unawares into an intimacy at which every one smiled but themselves. It flattered Lord Chandos to see dukes and princes draw back when he came near the beautiful heiress, as though it were quite understood that he had the right to claim her attention—to see a proud Roman prince, with a long pedigree, make way with a bow—to see a courtly French duke resign the seat he had waited half the night for—to see the eyes of envy that followed him—it flattered him, and he never asked where it would end.

Lady Lanswell saw it all with well-pleased eyes, but said nothing; she was biding her time.

One evening they met at Mrs. Chester's. There was neither ball nor party, but a quiet at home; and their friendship made greater strides than it hitherto had done.

Some one asked Lady Erskine to sing. Lord Chandos looked at her.

"Do you sing?" he asked.

And she answered with a quiet smile: "Yes, it is one of the few things I do well enough to content myself. I have a good voice and I sing well."

"Are you what people call fond of music?" he asked.

And she answered:

"Yes, I often put my thoughts to music, and if I meet any words that seem to me very good or very sweet I never rest until I have found a melody that fits them. I came across some the other day. Shall I sing them to you?"

There was a slight commotion in the room when people saw the beautiful English girl led to the piano. She turned with a smile to Lord Chandos.

"My son is English," she said, "and will not be understood by every one."

"I shall understand," he said; "you must sing it for me."

When he heard the words he understood the blush that covered her face. "I should change my song," she said, "if another came into my mind. These words are by a poetess I read and admire much. It is called 'Somewhere or Other.'"

She sang in a sweet, pure voice; there was neither fire, power nor passion in it; but the words were clear and distinct.

"Somewhere or other there must surely be  
The face not seen, the voice not heard,  
The heart that never yet—never yet—ah me,  
Made answer to my word."

"Somewhere or other, may be near or far,  
Past land and sea, clear out of sight,  
Beyond the wondering moon, the star,  
That tracks her nights by night."

"Somewhere or other, may be far or near,  
With just a wall, a hedge between,  
With just the last leaves of the dying year  
Fallen on a turf so green."

He stood by her side while she sung, his eyes fixed on her face, thinking how pure and fair she was. When the sweet strain of music ended he said:

"Somewhere or other—you will find it soon, Lady Marion."

"Find what?" she asked.

"The heart that has never yet answered a word," he replied, quoting the words of her song. "People do often meet their fate without knowing it."

When he saw the fair face grow crimson he knew at once that she thought she was speaking of himself and her. After that there seemed to be a kind of understanding between them. When others were speaking he would quote the words "Somewhere or other," and then Lady Marion would blush until her face burned. So a kind of secret understanding grew between them without either of them quite understanding how it was.

Lady Lanswell was quite happy; the bait was taking; there was no need for her to interfere, all was going well.

"Mother," said Lord Chandos, "I can not understand it; you invite all the old dowagers and spinners in Rome to your afternoon teas and soirees, but you never invite any young ladies, and there are some very pretty ones."

"My dear Lance, I know it and deeply regret it; but you see I have no one to entertain young ladies."

He raised his head with an injured air.

"You have me," he replied.

"True, I have you, but I mean some one free and eligible."

"Am I not free and eligible," he asked quickly? and then his brave young face grew fiery red under his mother's slow, sneering smile. "I do not mean that; of course I am not free or eligible in that sense of the word, yet I think I am quite as well able to entertain young and pretty girls as old dowagers."

Lady Lanswell looked keenly at him. "My dear Lance, I will do anything to please you," she said, "but if you persist in considering yourself an engaged man, you must forego the society of charming young girls. I have no desire for another visit from that tempestuous young person."

Lance, Lord Chandos, shuddered at the words—"tempestuous young person"—this was the heroine of his romance, his beautiful Leone, whose voice always came to him with the whisper of the wind, and the sweet ripple of falling water. "A tempestuous young person," his beautiful Leone, whose passionate kisses were still warm on his lips, whose bitter tears seemed wet on his face—Leone, who was a queen by right divine. He turned angrily away, and Lady Lanswell, seeing that she had gone far enough, affected not to see his anger, but spoke next in a laughing tone of voice.

"You see, Lance, in my eyes you are very eligible, indeed, and it seems to me almost cruel to bring you into a circle of young girls, one of whom might admire you, while I know that you can never admire them, at least you are not free to admire them. Is it not so?"

"I am not free, mother, you know as well as all the world knows; still, I repeat it that is no reason why you should fill the house with dowagers and never bring the bloom of a young face near it."

"I will do as you wish, Leone," said my lady, and her son smiled.

"Though I consider myself, and am, in all solemn truth, engaged, still that does not make me a slave, mother. I am free to do as I like."

"Certainly," said my lady, and for some minutes there was silence between them.

Lord Chandos broke it.

"Why do you never ask Lady Erskine to visit you, mother? She is a charming girl, and you like her."

The countess looked at him straight in the face.

"I think it more prudent not to do so," she said. "Lady Marion is one of the most perfect women I know; I know, too, that she admires you, and as you are not free to admire her, you are better apart."

He flung himself down on the carpet and laid his handsome head on his mother's knee, looking up to her with coaxing eyes, as he had done when he was a boy.

To be continued.)

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## SOMETHING ABOUT VALENTINES

## Changes of the Years

## THE VALENTINES OF OUR ANCESTORS.

Yesterday was Saint Valentine's day, and the small boy and the youthful maiden of the city have expended their savedcents, to buy Valentines. The book-stores' windows are filled with grotesque cartoons on all manner of men and women, on all trades and habits and peculiarities. No odds what a man or woman's leading characteristic may be, its counterpart (of course, exaggerated,) will be found represented in the modern valentine, while, like the ballad of the street-boy, can be had for "wan' cent." Accompanying each is an explanatory rhyme, which, in point of metre and sentiment, does not breathe of the poet Laureate. The most peculiar thing about the modern valentine is that you cannot, for the life of you, find one that speaks well of any person. The valentine of a few years ago did say a kind word occasionally. Yesterday, one of our reporters asked a prominent book-store man the meaning of the change, and why were no valentines of that sort, that said a good word for some class or calling, now to be had in the book-stores. The answer that he gave "was that if that style of valentine were imported now, it would not be sold. We occasionally get one amongst our stock; well, that doesn't exactly abuse some trade or profession or peculiarity, and it sticks right to the store for years. The usual expression is, when it is seen in the pile, that is too tame. "We do not retail many valentines on Water-street," he continued, "but we sell bulks of them to the smaller shops on the second street. However, it is noticeable that the demand is falling off year after year, and I have no doubt, will ultimately 'flee out altogether.' "Have you a better class of goods than these?" asked the reporter, pointing to some the shopman was assorting. "No, it would be useless to keep them for we would never sell them." "But you used to keep them some years ago." "That is a long while ago," he continued, "and the last of them had to be almost given away." "Some of these, of course, conveyed tender sentiments." "Yes, and that was one of the reasons we had to sell them out so cheaply." "How do you account for the change, have the people got to regard less the feelings of others, or do men and maidens indulge in the tender passions less?" "No, it is not that, for the fair boy with his bow and arrow will ever play the same part in human affairs, but the Christmas card has struck the death blow of the valentine. There is a certain amount of sentiment coked up in us all," continued the salesman, with a far away look in his eyes, as if he were thinking of a valentine of twenty years ago, "and it must get loose some time. The generations preceding us let it loose on Valentines day, we on Christmas time." But our ancestors always surrounded the Christmas season with as much sentiment as we do at the present." "True," answered the man of books, "but it was the sentiment of a different sort. They were stronger and more robust, though not so highly educated in general as we are and outdoor games, the Wassail bowl, and the plumb-pudding left no room for such dainties as Christmas Cards. This sort of sentiment was left for St. Valentine. The valentine used to cost a small fortune in those days, and its quaint wording and expressions of undying devotion would make us laugh now. Many a needy fortune hunter, I have no doubt, risked the last cent he had to purchase a valentine to lay at the feet of the heiress he wished to capture." "Who are the buyers in town of the present valentine?" "School boys and school girls for the most part, and next to those come disappointed lovers, especially young ladies, whose beaus have proved untrue. It appears to me that the Gower and Duckworth-street small shopkeepers take stock of their respective neighborhoods well before purchasing, as can be seen how they select them some purchasers will make a specialty of those which satirize coopers; others will buy stock in which the tailor or carpenter is extensively portrayed, others want a lot of shoemakers, and so on. The latter is especially the case with shopkeepers living near the Boot and Shoe factory. Yes, the woman runs the shop, knows her customers and buys accordingly." "Are valentines ever written by hand now in St. John's?" "No, not since the valentine became so cheap, but twenty-five years ago the manuscript valentine was a choice affair. A beau of thirty years ago was telling me of one of those valentines the other day," said the shopman, "and he gave me a few words from it. I do not remember it all just now; but I know it was about a ball that was held opposite where Messrs. Herder & Haller's factory now stands. At that time there were rival fashion factions amongst the ladies; one division persisted in wearing black as the conspicuous color in their attire; the other, red. The sections were known as the "blacks" and the "reds." The two sections were well represented at the ball mentioned, which gave rise to a lively time; and it was about this that the valentine spoken of was written. One verse ran:—

"I crave your attention, good friends, one and all, To list to my Valentine, 'bout the big ball; It happened in Dogstown, 'twas held in a shed; It was well attended by the blacks and the reds.

Should you know the author, call at fifty-three, Which is my abode, and my name is M. G."

"The old beau referred to," continued the shop-keeper, "was in such a hurry in reciting the above lines that he said 'R. S.' instead of 'M. G.' and it was many days after that he called in to rectify his mistake." "What can I do for you, ma'am?" said the shop-keeper to a woman who entered the store; and the reporter stepped out and wended his way up-town.

## LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

## Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, Feb 14th.

After His Excellency the Governor and suite had withdrawn from the Council Chamber, and the opening speech was read by the clerk

HON. M. MONROE rose to move an address in reply thereto. He said he felt sure that the members of this honorable body would unite with him in tendering to His Excellency a hearty welcome upon his arrival in, and assumption of, the governorship of this colony, and upon this his first appearance and address to them in their Legislative capacity. All who have come in contact with His Excellency must be sensible of the great interest he has already manifested in everything pertaining to the colony; its institutions and its requirements. From our, as yet, brief acquaintance with him and from the record of his career that has preceded his advent amongst us, he (Mr. M.) felt warranted in saying that substantial proof is afforded that the assurance His Excellency has today given us that he will devote his best energies to the advancement of the colony's welfare, will be amply sustained. While upon this point, he (Mr. M.) could not help saying that it is a matter of great disappointment to us here, as it must be to any colony, to have

## ITS GOVERNORS

so frequently changed. Within the past five or six years no fewer than three gentlemen have been sent out by the Imperial Government to fill the gubernatorial office in Newfoundland. No doubt they were exceedingly able men, but their opportunity to lend the aid of their talents in the promotion of the colony's benefit, was marred by the fact that no sooner had they begun to acquire an insight into its necessities than they were moved elsewhere. That experience of our affairs, which they had gained by laborious study, was to a certain extent thrown away, as they were not permitted to remain long enough to put it to a practical use. Any colony subjected to this procedure must suffer more or less in its vital interests, and it is a matter of regret that those changes should be made so frequently without the slightest consideration for the interest of the colonists, but simply for Imperial expediency, or from personal regard for some gentleman whom it is desired to promote. He did not sympathize with the authorities and

## PEOPLE OF QUEENSLAND

in their objections to our late Governor, Sir H. A. Blake; but he would express his opinion that the outcome or result of that proceeding will redound to the good of the colonies generally. The result shows, at all events, that they possess rights which must be respected, and to some extent it reverses the hitherto unquestioned position that governors were solely the representatives of Imperial feelings and desires. Hereafter, if a governor of a British colony wish to stand well with those he presides over, he must make the best interests of the colonists identical, so far as his position will admit, with those of Imperial concern. It must be pleasing to hon. members to hear the announcement that all our commercial industries during the past year have been fairly successful, a circumstance emphasized by the fact that the revenue, as we are informed, has fully realized the estimates upon which it was based. In this fact we have a convincing proof of the recuperative power of our trade. But a short year or two ago, on every hand, there were lamentations at its depression, and those directly interested in

## MERCANTILE OPERATIONS

were puzzled as to the steps to be taken to galvanize it into new life. Happily that untoward state of things has, to a great extent, passed away; a brighter vista appears to be opening up, and an improved commercial outlook presents itself. He sincerely trusted this improvement will continue, and that, with the application of due care and attention in the prosecution of the several pursuits of the Island, seasons of adversity, such as we have recently passed through, will form rare exceptions in an advancing career of prosperity. His Excellency had referred to our several industries, chief of which, of course, being the fisheries. He (Mr. Monroe) would touch but briefly now upon this subject. He would say that the inshore fishery referred to may now be regarded as a thing of the past. The small results attending that portion of our fisheries last season hardly, he believed, paid back the cost of outfit for it. Were it not for success in other branches of the fisheries such as the Labrador and Bank fishery; and deep sea fishery carried on from parts of the shore, the total result would be anything but a subject of congratulation. The decline in the inshore fishery he (Mr. M.) attributed, in a great measure, to the use of codtraps, and he had strong hope that the operation of the law prohibiting the use of those destructive engines, which is to take effect after the end of the season, will soon be attended with good consequences. As regards the bank fishery fishery: we know that in the past season a much larger extent of tonnage, than in the preceding year, was engaged in that industry; but he thought the average result per

VIDAR.



man and per vessel was very much below that of the few former years. But, for his part, he did not regard this as an irremediable deficiency. The evil lies, to a large extent, in the fact that, heretofore, we have been looking more to quantity than to quality. If greater care were devoted to proper handling and curing, and less to what is termed "high line," better results would accrue to all concerned, as the markets would not be glutted with an enormous quantity of inferior fish. A lesser quantity of well-cured fish would maintain demand at a figure profitable to the producers. In connection with this matter he thought he ought to remark that the fishermen appear to have been badly advised in the action taken by them last year in holding back their fish, and not sending it on for exportation when ready, and while the market price was good. It must be patent to all who will give the subject a little study that while the season prevails, during which there is a fair consumption of fish, there would be a better chance of selling it at a reasonable rate than by keeping it back until the tail end of the season, which can only end in a reduction of price, because our rivals in the meantime put their fish upon the market and it goes into consumption, excluding ours until a period arrives when the demand is satisfied and it must be sold at reduced rates. Similar remarks apply to the operations of the lobster fishery in the past season: increased activity with less profitable returns than in the preceding season. The cause of the failure, he thought, was not far to seek.

#### OVERCROWDING OF FACTORIES

within limited areas has had more to do with the decline in this fishery than any other cause. Where a factory is established and has been successful in a given season, the knowledge of that success is made use of by the starting of three or four other factories along side of it in the following season, and the same ground is fished by all, thus creating a competition ruinous to each; and it is ascertained that if ground be so fished for two seasons it will prove almost barren in the third, and useless as a source of profitable industry. This is a difficult subject to deal with, and any equitable arrangement that could be arrived at to prevent the multiplication of factories within limited areas, would prove a vast benefit to those prosecuting this fishery. He (Mr. M.) had had considerable experience in connection with lobster factories and the packing of lobsters, and he believed a portion of the want of success in the result of the lobster fishery last season, was owing to absence of proper care. Many packers are utterly regardless of consequences, their chief anxiety being to sell their goods and pocket the money for them. What is the effect of this

#### SUICIDAL PRACTICE?

The consumer, if he gets a bad tin of lobster out of every five, loses confidence in the article and abandons its consumption altogether, substituting something else, and thus the demand being lessened it must be disastrous to the interests of this fishery. He should recommend every person engaged in the prosecution of the lobster fishery, to go in for straight brands; and if they should have some inferior goods, to brand them as No. 2, and sell them as inferior. He submitted that the increased value of, and price for, their first-class article would more than remunerate them for the reduction upon the smaller quantity of the inferior. It will also be necessary for lobster packers hereafter, if they wish to retain the markets of France and Germany, to conform to the requirements of the laws of those countries made with the view to prevent lead poisoning. It is described that when tinned goods are soldered inside, the solder must not contain more than ten per cent. of lead. If the sale of our lobsters be confined to the British and American markets, they will be over-crowded before the end of next season; it therefore behooves those concerned in preparing this fish for export to pack so as to meet the requirements of Germany and France, in order to widen the sphere of consumption. It is satisfactory to note that the action taken by the government in increasing the

#### BOUNTY ON SHIPBUILDING

has led to beneficial results. It is scarcely necessary to state a fact apparently to those interested, that a superior class of vessels is being now built in the colony, under this fostering stimulus—a vast improvement upon former ones in strength, style and beauty. By some persons it would appear to be imagined that this shipbuilding bounty is a mere gift or bonus to builders of those vessels. As a matter of fact it causes little or no loss to the exchequer, but amounts simply to returning to the builders of vessels the duty payable upon articles used in their construction, or very little in excess of that. And if we take into account the amount of labor they provide, at a time of the year, too, when little other work is available, thus tending to increase of consumption and revenue, it may fairly be argued that the public funds gain by the transaction. He would go farther than protecting local built vessels in this indirect way. He would advocate the imposition of a moderate duty upon all vessels coming here for sale, of a class and character that might be built, yet are not built, in the colony, and thus enhance the impetus that has already been bestowed upon this branch of home industry with eminently good results. Respecting His

Excellency's reference to the proclamation issued last spring to suppress

#### ABLE-BODIED POOR RELIEF,

there cannot be a second opinion as to the wisdom of that measure. He (Mr. M.) had frequently from his place in the Council, urged the fact that able-bodied pauperism was eating out the life of the body politic, and that, at all hazards, it should be impressed upon the people of the outports particularly, that a termination should be put to the practice of making the lazy and improvident a burthen and incubus upon their more industrious and thrifty fellow-colonists. This door being shut against them, they would have to rely upon their own resources, and endeavor to make the most of them in the season of employment and labor. As regards the operation of the Bait Act, our experiences of last season, though not in all respects as satisfactory as could be desired, yet, everything considered, it was as much so as might fairly have been expected. We must not forget that we had to deal with wary and unscrupulous rivals, as well as with our own people, who were restricted in a traffic to which they were bred and born, and which furnished them with a principal means of support. Hence, instead of feeling disappointment at what was accomplished, we should rather feel surprise that so much was achieved in so short a time, in the face of the obstacles to be contended with. If a mistake has been made, it has arisen from a too great leniency in the beginning of proceedings upon the part of those charged with the enforcement of the law. Those affected by its operation were thus led to believe that a sharp warning was about the extent to which it would be enforced against them, and they took advantage of this moderation. Had the law been rigidly enforced in the beginning, much subsequent trouble would have been avoided. Now that the Government are provided with a new and fast cruiser, the "Fiona," their facility for putting the law in force is greatly enhanced; and with the valuable experience of last season as a guide, there should be very few breaches of the law in the ensuing year. It should be also borne in mind that the time for applying the provisions of the Bait Act occurred at a very unfortunate period.

#### THE WASHINGTON TREATY

had just been concluded, and American fishermen frequented this coast under *ad interim* arrangements entered into. In a few instances feelings of honor were not potent amongst them to prevent them violating our law by carrying and selling bait to the French. The *modus vivendi* is now likely to be discontinued, so it would appear; the United States authorities, under stress of party politics, have torn up the treaty, so that at present we are relegated to the old condition of things in regard to fishery matters that existed prior to its negotiation. For this reason he believed the provisions of the law will have a better chance of being fully carried out than last year against the Americans as well as the French; and that they will be led to realize to the fullest extent the value of our bait fishery. Some there are who contend that the enactment of our bait law involves a reversal of the principles of free trade. But considering the peculiarities of this question, and that bait is an essential element lying at the foundation of our whole trade, he thought it was a case in which that argument failed to have force. In view of the fact that the fisheries of our rivals are sustained by such enormous bounties, we could hardly be censured, even if not acting within the strict lines of free trade. We are assured by His Excellency that the branch railroad to Placentia is almost completed, and that much traffic has passed over it. He (Mr. M.) had not been on the line there; he could not speak of it from personal knowledge. However, he had been informed by competent authorities that the road was well built, and that it has been availed of to a very large extent. When the bill to provide for the construction of this branch-line was before this house, he had felt it his duty to oppose it. He would now merely say that the statement made in His Excellency's speech regarding the amount of traffic that has passed over it, is correct. He (Mr. M.) had no idea when this line was contemplated that it would obtain anything like the amount of business, or that it would be availed of so largely by the people from Placentia Bay and the Western Shore. If the steamer on that bay be handled with care and intelligence, and due notice of her movements be circulated, the line in question, in connection with the steamer, will become a favorite mode of travel with the western population. The speech assures us that the financial negotiations for

#### OUR FIRST OUTSIDE LOAN

have resulted satisfactorily, and, as he was informed, our bonds have been sold at a premium of five per cent. This circumstance, if it be true, shows the wisdom of widening the area for the sale of our bonds, not only as regards the money markets abroad, but it will serve to enhance the value of local debentures for former loans. The Barcelona Exhibition has shown creditable results for our exhibits there, and our participation in it has drawn attention to our products, which, it is to be hoped, will be conducive to the extension of trade. We have received a large number of medals, and if it be any test of the excellence

of the samples shown, we have, as a colony, just reason to feel pride in the appearance it presented there. A reference is made in the speech to the failure on the part of the Newfoundland Railway Company to fulfil their contract to construct a railway to Hall's Bay. The Blackman Contract having fallen through, if a railway north that has been so much talked about during the past eight or ten years is to be undertaken, it is manifest we must look to other parties to build it. It would appear that the prevailing sentiment of the country favors railway extension, and it rests with those having the management of affairs to meet that view so far as they can consistently, with a due and careful regard to the financial condition of the colony. If railway extension north be undertaken it is questionable whether, instead of proceeding right on upon the lines formerly agreed upon, it would not be more advisable to construct short sections to connect with the different bays and be there met by steamers, and gradually extend works as the finances of the colony would permit. He felt sure the hon. Mr. Harvey must feel pleased at the intimation contained in the speech that the dream of his life is about to be consummated—that after weary years of patient expectation and hope deferred we are really at length to have a

#### FISHERY BUREAU.

To that hon. gentleman's persistent and able advocacy, more than to any other man, we are indebted for the fact that this project is at last within measurable distance of realization. The government and colony are to be congratulated upon this circumstance, and upon having secured for the scientific and practical superintendence of our fisheries, so competent a gentleman as Mr. Neilson, who will shortly be amongst us. He (Mr. M.) anticipated most beneficial consequences from this department, and he believed that from the results of cod-hatching, and the abolition of codtraps, our inshore codfishery will, in a few years, have regained its pristine productiveness. The speech of His Excellency is a long one and embraces many points of prime importance to the country; but there appears to be one omission which, probably, you, Mr. President, may feel surprised at. It makes no mention whatever of that burning question which, during the past few months, greatly agitated the public mind: the question of Confederation. The absence of any reference to this subject is remarkable, if not significant. For his own part he could only say that he hoped the silence concerning it is an evidence that it is dead and buried; that the trouble and excitement it has caused the community during the past eight or nine months were but the symptoms of an unpleasant dream, and that we have at last become awakened to our sober senses, enabling us to realize that it was but a dream and nothing more. In conclusion, while uniting with His Excellency in the hope that Divine guidance shall lead us to wise and beneficial conclusions, he begged to move the appointment of a committee to prepare an address in reply to His Excellency's speech.

## Daily Colonist.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1889.

## THE CITIZENS DEFENCE SOCIETY

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

## To the St. John's Municipal Act.

The Citizens Defence Society met last evening, and amongst those present were the members for St. John's, with the exception of Mr. Parsons. They responded to an invitation from the society. Mr. Whiteley occupied the chair. The proposed amendments to the St. John's Municipal Act, the consideration of which has engaged the attention of the society for nearly three weeks, were read and discussed. Messrs. Scott, O'Mara, Callahan, Morris and Murphy, thought the amendments were reasonable, and promised to support them in the legislature.

At the close the thanks of the society were unanimously tendered to the members for St. John's, for responding to the invitation to be present, to which Mr. Scott, on behalf of himself and colleagues, gracefully replied. The principal amendments which the legislature will be called upon to embody in the Municipal Act, are: (1.) That no past indebtedness should be charged against the town. (2.) That members of the Council should be elected annually, the next election to be held in February, 1890. (3.) No member of the Council to hold a seat in the legislature. (4.) Every British subject, over 21 years of age, residing in St. John's 12 months, to have a vote on municipal election on payment of a poll-tax. (5.) The Council to consist of ten, that is two for each ward. (6.) Material imported for the use of the Council to be free of duty. (7.) No pensions to be granted to any municipal official or servant.

The other amendments contain several useful and necessary details in regard to finances of the City Council, and management of municipal affairs, which when embodied into the act will give more general satisfaction than exists under the act as it stands at present.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING Of Benevolent Irish Society.

The annual meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society took place in St. Patrick's Hall—the president occupied the chair. Rev. Father Scott, the Superior of the Christian Brothers School, and the officers were all present, and about 40 out of 205 members on the roll. The report of the chairman of schools (Mr. T. Mitchell), was read by the secretary of schools (Mr. Keating), which states that notwithstanding the prevalence of diphtheria for a few months past, the attendance at the Christian Brothers Schools has been about 400. Rev. Bro. Fleming stated in a letter that the work at the Riverhead school was being proceeded with, and when completed it would afford education for all. The treasurer (Mr. Tobin) gave in his report, showing an expenditure for the past year of \$2241.06, and receipt to amount of \$1665.08.

The Chairman of the Financial Committee (Mr. Donnelly) next read his report, which showed that the work of the committee had not been without yielding good fruit; some \$500 had been netted by lectures and entertainments, and the money drawing had been a decided success. Mr. J. J. O'Reilly (Treasurer of the Financial Committee) read a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the committee, and handed over the handsome sum of \$2294.50. The sum of \$200 additional was received as dues during the evening.

The above reports were severally adopted, and the excellent work of the committee was commended by the President, Father Scott, Rev. Brother Fleming, Mr. P. R. Bowers and others.

The forthcoming Bazaar was frequently referred to, and there is every indication that united and harmonious action, with the co-operation of the ladies, who are already energetically at work, will make it a great success. This means the extension of the present educational lines—with all the manifold blessings which the spread of education confers.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—R. J. Keating, president; Wm. Donnelly, vice-president; T. J. Greene, asst. vice-president; H. V. Born, 2nd asst. vice-president; M. Tobin, treasurer; M. H. Carry, secretary; F. St. John, chairman of schools; J. J. O'Reilly, chairman of charity; John Keating, secretary of schools; John Howlett, chairman of review and correspondence.

During the evening a committee of the Junior Benevolent Irish Society entered the room and read the following report:—

## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Junior Benevolent Irish Society.  
—Report for the year ending February 3rd, 1889.

To the Members of the Junior Benevolent Irish Society:—

It is with great pleasure we note the advancement made in membership of the Junior society during the past year.

The inducements held out by the reading and gymnasium rooms are mainly the cause of this increase.

During the winter months of last year the propriety of holding debates, &c., was brought under the notice of the chairman of reading room and gymnasium committee, and they were accordingly held once a week and quite a large number of members took part therein, thereby manifesting the deep interest which they had in the advancement of the society. The number enrolled as members during the past year is 42, and the number of members on roll to date is (323) three hundred and twenty-five.

It is with deep regret we record the deaths of William Berrigan, John Tobin, and Patrick O'Neil, whom it has pleased the Almighty to take from our midst during the past year, and sincerely regret at their thus being called from amongst us. That the society recognized the loss which it had sustained was evinced by the adoption of resolutions tendering the heartfelt sympathies of its members to the relatives of the deceased.

The society is at present in excellent financial condition, as may be seen by the treasurer's report.

It is with great pleasure we acknowledge the receipt of a splendid book-case from the Reverend Brother Fleming and sincerely thank him for his kind remembrance. The library, which was also presented to the society, by the Reverend Brother Fleming, contains a large selection of books, by the choicest authors, and no small revenue is derived from this library during the year.

The reading-room and gymnasium are fast becoming another great advantage, and the apparent good done by both these institutions may be seen from the intellectual and physical appearance of the members who make proper use of the same. Before concluding this brief synopsis of the past year's proceedings, we must sincerely thank those gentlemen who have so kindly contributed papers towards the support of the reading-room. Also, we must express the deep obligations which we owe to Rev'd Brother Blattery for the great interest manifested by

him, from time to time, in the advancement and welfare of the society, and we must thank the Christian Brothers in general for the interest also taken by them in any scheme for the advancement of the society.

In retiring from the positions you were pleased to confer upon us, we trust we have fulfilled our duties in a manner satisfactory to you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCIS McNAMARA, President.  
JOHN W. WHITE, Secretary.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

James J. Galway, elected, President.  
Thomas D. Carew, elected, Vice-President.  
Thos. R. McGrath, elected, asst. Vice-Pres't.  
Daniel Carroll, re-elected, Treasurer.  
Jno. D. White, elected, Ch'man Com. Finance.  
John W. White, re-elected, Secretary.  
Fred. L. Furlong, elected, assistant Secretary.  
Thomas O'Neil, re-elected, Librarian.

## THE ATHENÆUM CONCERT

The Athenæum Hall was filled last night on the occasion of the regular fortnightly concert. A splendid programme was on and was gone through in a highly pleasing manner. Jas. Baird, Esq., acted as manager on the occasion. The overtures—from "Norma"—was brilliantly played by Miss Jordan, who is one of the best pianists in the city. Miss Shea followed with a solo entitled "In Old Madrid." It was sung in a very pleasing manner. After Miss Taylor, Mr. Stephenson read a short and pleasing bit entitled "Pain in a Pleasure Boat," in a distinct and pleasing manner. Miss Harris sang a song entitled "The Song that Reached my Heart." The piece was pretty and was well sung. Mrs. Studdy sang "Dreaming," excellently and was heartily applauded. Mrs. O'Dwyer, who is always a favorite, sang "I am There" in her best style. Mr. Shea, who closed the programme, convulsed the audience with the comic song "Eniscorthy." Mr. Watson sang "My Pretty Jane," a song that he has often sang before, but never better than last night. Miss Murphy, whose sweet voice and perfect rendition always pleased, sang "Never to Know" in a manner which delighted all present. Miss Taylor made her debut last night, in a pretty song entitled "A Hey for the North." She was well received and bids fair to become one of our sweetest singers.

## A Note from "Observer."

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

DEAR SIR,—Until Mr. "Oa Looker" answers my query in reference to the alleged Dublin Nation plagiarism, I still must persist in saying that he is guilty of malicious falsehood.

Yours, etc.,  
OBSERVER.

St. John's, Feb. 19th 1889.

## Nuisance Deposited on Portugal Cove Road

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

MR. EDITOR,—I notice that the sanitary men are depositing nuisance in a field on the Portugal cove road; and I wish that you would advise, through the columns of your paper, that it be removed farther back from the road, as its present position is dangerous to the health of the children in the neighborhood.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space, I remain, yours, etc.,  
A PARENT.

St. John's, Feb. 19th, 1889.

## PARNELL DEFENCE FUND—Continued.

Amount acknowledged.....	\$445.20
Timothy Connors.....	1.00
Richard Cashion (Cape Broyle).....	4.00
Mrs. Martin Cashion (Cape Broyle).....	2.00
T. J. Kennedy.....	1.00
TOTAL.....	\$453.20
JOHN J. O'REILLY, Treasurer.	

## LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The steamer "Portia" will leave New York tomorrow, for Halifax and St. John's.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—"J. M." "Dels," "One Who Knows," crowded out, will appear tomorrow.

A horse, attached to a cart, coming up Duckworth-street this morning, fell on the ice opposite the Atlantic Hotel. Whether through being badly shod or want of food is unknown.

The steamer "Conscript" sailed this morning, with mails and passengers, for Halifax. She took a large freight and the following passengers:—Mrs. Cairns, Miss M. Hayden, Miss E. Carbery, Rev. L. Hayden, Messrs. Ryan, Browning, Harvey, Smyth; 22 in steerage.

The Total Abstinence Dramatic Combination will be on again tomorrow night with a splendid piece, never produced here before, entitled "By Force of Impulse." The caste is a good one as can be seen by reference to our advertising columns. It is scarcely necessary to add that it will be well played and we anticipate a crowded house for the performers. "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," a song, will be rendered by Mr. Patterson, assisted by several of the company. It is doubtful whether it will be reproduced, as the company expect to perform another new play before the Lenten season.

#### DEPARTS.

MENCHEN—On the 15th inst., Alice, beloved wife of William Menchen, and second daughter of the late Morris and Johanna Elward, of Cape Broyle.—R.I.P.

GREEN—At Bay of Islands, on 11th January, of consumption, Stephen Green, aged 18 years, son of Stephen Green, formerly of Great Placentia.